

Woodfin Journal

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From Your Mayor...

Well, old man winter is here and came in with a vengeance, to say the least. Snow, extremely cold temperatures and wind have been the norm for a few weeks, although its easy to forget its still winter in light of some of the warmer weather we've had in February.

I really appreciate your patience during all the cold weather and snow. As you can imagine, it is impossible to melt snow or ice when the temperatures reach a certain low. In addition, we cannot put our personnel out picking up garbage when the temps drop below twenty degrees. There is too great a risk to their health when this occurs.

Our greenway planning is underway, and a firm has been performing some technical work as to where the greenway may be actually located. Hopefully, we will have the final report back in early spring, and also, we should begin work on our new Silver-Line Park in the summer.

As you probably know, we have a new Chief of Police. Mike Dykes was promoted to the position from his previous position as Lieutenant. If you are not acquainted with Mike, stop by the department and meet



After all the cold weather we've experienced this winter—remember it wasn't that long ago that the French Broad River looked like the Artic— its great to have some of the record warm days we've been experiencing of late.

him.

As always, if you need anything from me at any time, feel free to contact me-day or night. I always try to be available to each of you.

Jerry VeHaun,
Mayor



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Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 9-1-1

- Woodfin Police 253-4889
- Woodfin Town Hall 253-4887
- Woodfin Public Works 645-7063
- Curbside Management—252-2532
- Woodfin Fire District 255-7561
- Woodfin Water District 253-5551
- Woodfin Community Center 253-4888.
- Woodfin ABC 658-9300



Find us on Facebook

In case you didn't know it the Town of Woodfin's Facebook page is a great place to find out what's happening around Town as well as ask questions. It is much quicker for the Town to post something on Facebook than it is to post something on the Town's official website www.woodfin-nc.gov.

So if your looking for quick answers or need a quick response to a question Facebook is a great way to communicate with us.

So if you're interested in what's going on around Town or occasionally learning a little more about our Town's history then click over to https://www.facebook.com/townofwoodfin/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel to see what all is going on.



Recent Garbage Collection Disruption

If you are one of the many residents who had significant delays on garbage collection back in January then the Town of Woodfin would like to apologize for the inconvenience as well as explain why it was necessary.

The recent bout of nice weather makes it harder to recall just how cold and miserable some of our days were in January. Those low temperatures, however, were why garbage collection was temporarily suspended for most customers. While the Town is very aware of how difficult it is to store an extra weeks worth of garbage, the manner in which we collect the garbage

made collecting it during single digit and low double digit temperatures impossible. Unlike some municipalities like Asheville the Town of Woodfin does not employ a roll out cart system. In the roll out cart system the Town provides every home with an identical large volume trash can which are designed to be lifted by a large robotic arm. Our public works department, however, relies on people power rather than technology and that would have necessitated placing our Public Works staff in harms way by virtue of the dangerously low temperatures present at the time.

Not only would riding on the back of a garbage truck in

those temps lead to potential frostbite or hypothermia, exposure to extreme cold makes it harder for people to grip their handholds increasing the likelihood of an employee falling off the truck or into the compactor.

While a roll out cart system is nice, at present the Town considers adding the specialized trucks and cans would to be financially unfeasible. In light of the brief interruption of service—the first such interruption in the last 20 years—the Town believes that such a large investment of tax dollars to do a job that is already done well is not the best way to invest your money.

Take a Step Back In Time—On the Craggy Mountain Line

Trains have been an important part of the American scene since the early 1800s. We're all probably familiar with America's "love affair" with the automobile, but long before the first Model T rolled off the assembly line America was married to its trains. Much of American history can be called to mind by looking at the trains used during that time period and their purposes. Whether we think of armed bandits and train robberies in the 1880s or the countless soldiers carried across the nation to fight the Axis powers across the sea; trains remain an important part of our national experience.

Although trains have served as an important, affordable and fast means of transportation for the American people over much of our history, today most of us have never even stepped foot on a train car. We're happy to say, however, that here in Woodfin there is an organization that is doing something to fix that by restoring the tracks and trains that once served the region and for the first time in years you can take a ride on a real train right here in Buncombe County.

The Craggy Mountain Line is a short line excursion train that will whisk you back in time to period of America's romance with the railroad. Headquartered at 111 North Woodfin Avenue, the Craggy Mountain Line covers a mix of areas that vary from industrial to scenic woodland before arriving at the site of Woodfin's next big coming attraction, Silverline Park. As if click-clacking along the rails overlooking Old Beaverdam Creek and the French Broad River wasn't enough, when completed the park will feature a small train depot so visitors can park remotely and ride the rails to the park where they can disembark.

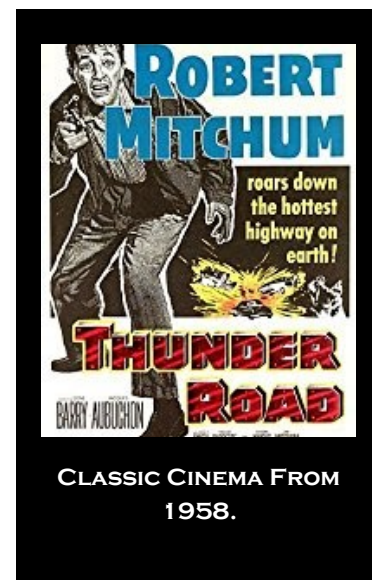
Whether you're a history buff, the parent of a Thomas the Tank Engine fan, or just curious the Craggy Mountain Line is a great way to take a break from the modern world and enjoy a simpler time. To get tickets, arrange tours, schedule a unique birthday or corporate event simply visit <http://craggymountainline.com/> or call 828.808.4877

Holly-Woodfin : Movie Making in the Mountains

Here's a little trivia for you, name a movie that was filmed at least in part here in the Town of Woodfin. Give up yet? Well for starters the classic film noir drama *Thunder Road* starring Robert Mitchum was filmed in part at the Log Cabin Motor Court—where you can still rent one of the intentionally rustic cabins meant to appeal to tourists of the 40s, 50s, and 60s. The classic appeal of this architectural treasure has been maintained by the owners of the hotel, who have ensured that despite the passage of time the property reflects the glory of a bygone age.

So, you're more into comedy than you are drama. Well Woodfin has also been used for location shots for Robin Williams' *Patch Adams* and more recently, the 2016 comedy *Masterminds* starring Zach Galifianakis. While the glimpses of Woodfin visible in these two movies are brief it's worth watching the films to find the spots they used for their movie shoots.

In addition to the movies filmed here in Town, you can also train to be a professional actor yourself right here in Woodfin. Located in the Mill at Riverside (Riverside Business Park 2000 Riverside Drive, Suite 42P) the Screen Artists Co-op offers professional level classes designed to help you get a part in commercials, television and film. To start your path from Holly-Woodfin to Hollywood visit them on the web at <http://screenartistsco-op.com/> or call 828.808.2468.



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Spring is rapidly approaching and with some of the recent weather we've experiencing it does seem like it will be that much longer before we will be getting our gardening tools and lawn mowers. With spring on the way it's a good time to talk about some landscaping ideas that might. With that in mind we'd like to encourage you to consider whether fruit and nut bearing trees and shrubs are right for your yard.

When planting trees and shrubs in our yards most of us plant ornamental and other non-fruit bearing varieties and

don't consider the opportunity we're missing to add value to our yards and potentially reduce our grocery bill. With the price of fresh fruits and vegetables climbing all the time, it makes sense to consider growing some of your own.

Planting fruit trees isn't just good for wallet it's also a win for the environment. Every apple, pear, peach or plum that you pick from your "orchard" is one less piece of fruit that has to be trucked to the store from distant farms.

As your fruit trees grow you'll have more and more fresh, free produce to enjoy or share with friends and family. So this year when planting trees and shrubs make an investment in some fruit trees and put your yard to work for you.





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"Where Community Matters"



We're gearing up for Woodfin's 5th Annual 5K

The Town of Woodfin is once again working closely with Woodfin Elementary School to put together the annual 5K walk/run to raise money for the schools students.

The purpose of the Woodfin 5K is to enhance educational opportunities for the students at Woodfin elementary. In the past some of these funds have been used to help expand the school's media center and introduce more comput-

ers into the classroom to better prepare our community's children for the jobs of tomorrow.

Given all the planning and work that goes into putting together a successful 5K race (3.1 miles), your part is easy. Just head over to <http://www.woodfinelementary5k.com/> and get registered to run or walk for our kids. Even if you don't run you can sponsor someone else.

You can also sign up at RunSignUp.com, just click over to this website, search for Woodfin and get registered. If you act now you can get signed up for only \$25. Late registrations will, of course, cost more.

We know you've got sneakers so why not put them to use. If you've never run a race (or at least not since high school PE) you owe it to yourself to be part of this great event.



**5th Annual
Woodfin
Elementary
5K
April 28
At
9 AM!**